



President I. King Jordan chats with one of the 34 students who completed MSSD's Postsecondary Enrichment Program (PEP) this year at a May 22 recognition ceremony.

Nine students to attend national political conventions this summer

History in the making will be witnessed by nine Gallaudet students and Dr. Mary Malzkuhn, associate professor and acting chair of the Government Department, when they attend national political conventions this summer.

Four students will attend the Democratic National Convention in New York City July 5-19 and five will attend the Republican National Convention in Houston, Tex., Aug. 9-21.

"This will be an exciting time for all of us to see firsthand how our presidential candidates are chosen," said Malzkuhn. The campus community also will have an opportunity to benefit from the students' experience. During the two months preceding election day in November, the students will give panel discussions, lectures, and debates in Ely Center to help educate deaf voters so they can make informed decisions on elections.

All students are enrolled in Malzkuhn's three-credit "Political Parties" class this fall. They were chosen by Malzkuhn based on their high grade point averages and their leadership abilities. The University is covering most of the costs of the conventions, including interpreting.

During the first week in each city, the Gallaudet students will join other students from 100 universities across the country for a week-long study session sponsored by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. The study will involve seminars and field trips. Topics will include convention planning and organization, the platforms of the candidates, and campaign issues and strategies. In order to receive credit

for their government class, they have to share this information with the Gallaudet campus community.

Malzkuhn said most deaf people do not vote, possibly because they do not know the issues involved. She sees using the students' experiences at the convention as a way to inform potential deaf voters of the platform issues and presidential candidates and get them involved in the political process.

New GIS advisory committee formed

A nine-member advisory committee has been formed to address basic policy questions pertaining to Gallaudet Interpreting Services (GIS).

The committee's work is one of the directives set by Denise Sullivan, GIS interim director, to improve service delivery by GIS. This is necessary, said Sullivan, because GIS was called on to provide more than 50,000 hours of interpreting services last year, and demands on the office are even heavier this year.

The advisory committee is working on five basic policy questions, said Sullivan: What services should GIS provide? To whom should GIS provide services? How should interpreter services be prioritized? What are the responsibilities of the parties involved in the interpreting process? And what criteria should be used to assess GIS and interpreter performance?

Serving on the committee are Dennis Berrigan, coordinator of the American Sign Language/Deaf Culture Program for Pre-College Programs;

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Year-end forum explores multicultural student experience at Gallaudet

Gallaudet University students who are members of ethnically diverse groups find that Gallaudet does not provide the emotional and financial support they need to stay in college and also does not meet their academic needs, according to views expressed by faculty, staff, and students at a May 21 forum sponsored by Minority Student Affairs, a unit of Student Affairs.

"What is most painful for me is seeing many talented black students choose other institutions for reasons of discrimination and a climate of discrimination at Gallaudet," said Dr. Ann Davidson, dean of the School of Preparatory Studies, who served on the first of two seven-person panels at the forum. "Both Howard University and Spelman College are getting very talented black students who have rejected Gallaudet."

About 60 people ranging from top-level administrators to faculty and staff to students attended the forum on the topic of "What can we do to improve the campus climate for ethnic minority students, faculty, and staff?" The forum, an end-of-the-year event held by Minority Student Affairs, also grew out of an informal group that has been discussing issues of minority achievement on campus.

"We wanted to put together some kind of a forum to be able to open up these issues to the community at large," said Leslie Proctor, coordinator of family education for Kendall School, who formed the group this spring. The group met with University President I. King Jordan recently.

and "he considers it important to focus on these issues," said Proctor.

The forum started with a seven-person panel of minority Gallaudet professionals and students. It continued with a panel of audience volunteers and concluded with other audience members giving their opinions.

Other panelists, like Davidson, related experiences involving their ethnic diversity that they find painful in their work or school environment at Gallaudet.

"I have counseled black students who have come to me ready to go home, feeling isolated, rejected, frustrated, and overwhelmed," said panelist Carol McLaughlin, coordinator of data base management for Enrollment Services.

Several panelists and audience members said that black, Latino, and foreign students do not receive the same attention as other students from classroom teachers, the Student Body Government, and in other extracurricular activities. Participants also noted that minority students often do not have the training in high school that they need to succeed in college.

Adrian Walters, a dormitory head resident advisor and graduate student, added that classroom discrimination is "not only from white teachers, but from black as well. There are not the same expectations for black students."

Lourdes Rubio, who coordinates services for Latino students and their families for Pre-College Programs and also was a graduate student here said,

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Moderator and panelists at Minority Student Affairs' forum May 21 include (from left) Yvonne Black, coordinator, student activities, NWC; Dr. Ann Davidson, dean, SPS; Leah Cox, minority affairs specialist for the dean, Student Affairs; Leslie Proctor, coordinator, family education, KDES; Carol McLaughlin, coordinator, data base management, Enrollment Services; and Francisco Martinez, coordinator, ELI. Not pictured are Adrian Walters, graduate student, and Carolyn McCaskill Emerson, coordinator, minority achievement and multicultural programs, Pre-College Programs.

Students treated unequally, says panel

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"Constantly, I received the message that my place was in Mexico or in California, and [Latino] students are still getting the same message." But Rubio also congratulated the "small number of faculty and staff who have

changed to accommodate Latino students. We need to educate ourselves and train ourselves to deal with adversity in a better way."

Recommendations made by panelists and audience members included providing more financial, emotional, and academic support for students with ethnically diverse backgrounds, starting with preschool and continuing through college; hiring Admissions Office recruiters who are members of minority groups; and teaching faculty, staff, and students to be more accepting and supportive of ethnic diversity. Audience members suggested that efforts be made to identify minority students in college who have the potential to be good teachers and role models, to support and follow their progress, and to bring them back to Gallaudet as professionals.

Leah Cox, minority affairs specialist for the dean of Student Affairs, organized the forum and plans others for the future.

Corson forms new computer unit

Provost Harvey Corson has announced the establishment of a new Academic Computing unit within the Division of Academic Affairs that will assist the Gallaudet community in utilizing the campus' computers. Dr. Corson appointed Robert Herbold, formerly assistant director of Computer Services, director of the new unit, which began operation June 1.

"The unit will provide support for the development of significant new ideas related to instruction, research, and outreach," Corson said. The unit will also conduct workshops and presentations and explore uses for new computer applications.

The Academic Computing staff will consist of personnel transferred from User Services and will be housed in temporary quarters until the completion of Hall Memorial Building (HMB) renovations, when it will move to the first floor of HMB.

Advisory group members named

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Jeffrey Hardison, GIS interpreter; Jay Innes, assistant professor, Department Education; Susan Karchmer, coordinator of the professional and community training program in the National Academy; Agnes Muse, benefits assistant in the Personnel Office; Mary Anne Royster, special assistant to the provost; Malcolm Peters, a graduate student; Janice Song, an undergraduate student; and Brenda Stansbury, a free-lance interpreter.

Anyone in the University community who has comments about the committee's work can direct them to a committee member.



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Stanley Benowitz, a science teacher at NWC for eight years and KDES program supervisor for six years, gets a corsage from Madaleine Shelton at his April 9 retirement party.

Announcements

The Department of Contracts and Purchasing invites the campus community to visit an exhibit by vendors—many of whom are deaf or members of minority ethnic groups—who will exhibit and give information about their products and services in Ely Center on June 25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For information, call Darnese Nicholson, x5533, or E-mail DHNICHOLSON.

The fifth edition of the Metropolitan Washington Telecommunication Directory for the Deaf, Inc., (MWTDD) "Red Book" will be published in September. To correct a past entry or receive a directory, send name, address, and TDD number(s) to MWTDD, Inc., 814 Thayer Ave., Suite 303, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500, by July 3. The residential listing, corrections, and subscripts are free.

Washington's Arena Stage will have sign interpreted performances of "The Visit," by Fredrich Durrenmatt, on June 11 at 8 p.m. and June 14 at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets call (202) 484-0247 (TDD). Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

Among Ourselves

Dr. William McCrone, a professor in the Counseling Department, was the keynote speaker at the 36th anniversary celebration of the Southern Illinois University Rehabilitation Institute on April 15.

Dr. Margarete Hall, vice president for Development, wrote an article that was published in the *Teachers' College Record*. Hall also spoke on "The Decentralization of Development: Impact on Power, Priorities, and Perceptions" at the Association of Research Librarians in Charleston, S.C., which met May 13-15.

Will Madsen, associate professor in Sign Communication, conducted a two-day workshop in ASL idioms for parents and professionals at the Augustine School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vt., May 1-2.

Volunteers celebrate, receive awards

More than 60 volunteers, friends, and supervisors gathered to celebrate National Volunteer Week April 28 with a banquet in "Ole Jim."

The Rookie of the Year award was presented to Evelyn Tuckson, a volunteer in the National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) for the past two years. Tuckson has been updating national resource lists and has given Gallaudet approximately 300 hours of service.

The Community Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Simone Brown, who also volunteers at NICD. Brown, who handles special requests and publications mailings, has given

more than 1,000 hours of service to Gallaudet.

President I. King Jordan delivered the keynote address, and comedian Bill Ennis provided entertainment, taking the audience on a trip into his childhood using a combination of ASL and mime.

The University's Volunteer Programs Office placed 65 volunteers in more than 15 locations around campus during the 1991-92 academic year. These volunteers' efforts combined have contributed an average of 1,000 hours of service each month.

Anyone interested in hiring a volunteer can contact Cindi Olson, x5606.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received June 8-12 will be published June 22.

FOR SALE: Oster kitchen center w/processors for vegetable, meat, other, \$50; microwave, exc. cond., \$75; wooden cabinet, like new, \$450. Call x5140, or E-mail KKRASHID.

WANTED: Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people to participate in brief (up to 90 min.) attention/memory experiment, \$10 upon completion. Call Paula Tucker, x6467 (V/TDD), or E-mail 11PTUCKER.

FOUND: Pair of men's silver wire rim prescription glasses, aviator style, brown soft case imprinted w/ "U.S. Optics." Call Juanita, x5551 (V/TDD).

YARD SALE: Antiques, furniture, bric-a-brac, tires, kitchen items, more, June 13-14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in alley behind 325 13th St. SE, enter from C or D Streets. Call x3497 or E-mail ADM_BROWN.

WANTED: Local family to host 16-year-old deaf French girl for 3 or 4 weeks in July or Aug. Girl's family willing to reciprocate host arrangement for American youth at their home in Paris suburbs. Contact Mrs. Claude Denoel, Sous-titreuse at I.N.J.S., 19 rue Marrou, 92290 Chatenay-Malabry, France.

SUMMER RENTAL: Modern 1-BR apt. on New Jersey coast, 4 hrs. from D.C. in small resort town, short walk to beach, restaurants, and train, avail. 7/19-8/15, \$375/wk. or \$700/2 wks., prefer adults. Call (301) 577-9591 (V/TDD) or (908) 988-1929.

FOR SALE: Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, 10 yrs. old, green, \$250/buys all three; heavy duty washing machine and dryer, gold, \$300. Call (301) 441-3664 (TDD) eves., Gordon (202) 708-7374 (TDD) days, or leave message at x5031 for MAWP.

FOR SALE: 2 Walt Disney World 5-day Super Pass tickets, expire 1994, \$310. Call R. Cross, (202) 562-7628 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Full/queen water bed w/dark wood head/foot boards, 63 in. wide, complete, \$100. Call (410) 379-0496 (TDD), or E-mail MGMOORE.

FOR RENT: Spacious 3-BR townhouse, Aspen Hill, Md., near Wheaton Metro, non-smoker, share rent of \$1,200/mo. Call Patricia, x5410, or E-mail DV_MCMLEE.

FOR RENT: 3-BR Fenwick Island bayfront home, 3 mi. to ocean, \$70/night or \$425/wk. Call Roz, x5351, or E-mail RROSEN.

WANTED: Ride to Colorado for NAD convention in July, share gas, expenses. Call Sandra (202) 526-7628 (TDD).

WANTED: Professional deaf or hearing female to share home in Takoma Park, Md., w/27-yr-old deaf female, 40-yr-old deaf male, pvt. BR, share bath, W/D, CAC, new carpet, 5-min. walk to Metro. Call Will Verbits, x5375, or (202) 537-3050 (TDD) eves.

FREE: Adorable kittens to good home, black and grey, affectionate, litter trained, lots of personality. Call Vickie, x5653.

FOR RENT: Large, bright room in house, 3 blocks from Eastern Market Metro, \$350/mo. plus util., or neg. Call x5249 or E-mail IHREISMAN.

FOR SALE: 3-BR house in Cheverly, Md., finished basement, oak floors/cabinets, shutters/fans throughout, huge back yard, \$170,000. Call Angel (214) 324-7053 (TDD) days, or (214) 412-0511 (TDD) eves., or E-mail AMRAMOS.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

INTERPRETING SUPERVISOR/INTERPRETER III: Gallaudet Interpreting Services
SUPPORT SERVICES SPECIALIST: Student Special Services